

HOUSE RESOLUTION 263

By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Jerry Mercer for
laudable service as the president of the
Tennessee State Funeral Directors & Morticians
Association, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those persons
who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of
whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Jerry L. Mercer, a licensed funeral
director and the co-owner of Mercer Brothers Funeral Home, having served in that capacity for
27 years, and currently the President of that fine institution; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a liaison between the Tennessee Funeral Directors and
Morticians Association and the Regulatory Board, and is the immediate Past President of the
Middle West Tennessee Funeral Directors and Morticians Association; and

WHEREAS, he honed his leadership skills in his former role as Second Vice-President
of the Tennessee State Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc., as the former
Chairman of the Legislative Task Force, and as the former Chairman of the Continuing
Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mercer currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the President of the Tennessee State Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc., as Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc., as a member of the Board of Directors of John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Service, as a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Assoc., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, committed to equality for African Americans in the workplace and in the political arena, Jerry L. Mercer has a history of activism in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

WHEREAS, Jerry Mercer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Mercer for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jerry L. Mercer for his service as the President of the Tennessee State Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc., and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.